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3. Copies of Cited References A1-A2; and
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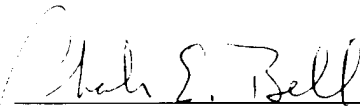
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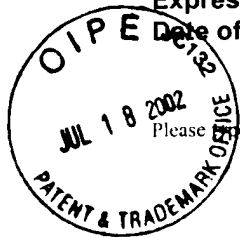
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	A1	5,460,951	10/24/95	Kawai, et al.			08/26/1993
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